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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 39, lines 2-14 with the following text:

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FIG. 11 is a schematic cross sectional view of the seventh embodiment of photovoltaic module 400 according to the invention, which is a thin film type photovoltaic module. Note, however, that the following description is mostly also applicable to the above described first through fourth embodiments. Referring to FIG. 11, a plurality of thin film type photovoltaic cells 402 are arranged on the rear surface of front glass cover 401 operating as transparent substrate and connected in series and/or in parallel by a rear surface electrode 403. The rear surface electrode 403 is by turn connected to an output lead-out wire 404, which is typically made of metal foil.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

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Please replace the text of claims 1 and 4-7 with the following text:

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